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Mr. Secretary of State,

I have been instructed by the President of Ghana, Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, ~~to convey immediately~~ the following personal message to President Kennedy. I should be exceedingly grateful if the message could be conveyed to President Kennedy as soon as possible.

"Mr. President,

My Ambassador in Washington has informed me that your Government wishes to have further discussions with the Government of Ghana prior to the signing of the Volta River Project agreements. In view of your personal letter to me of the 29th June I had assumed your Government would definitely participate in this project subject to International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ruling on feasibility of the project. Since the Bank has now done this I naturally felt justified in awarding contract for dam at Akosombo since a whole year would have been lost if there had been any further delay. World Bank agreed with this action. I am now in a position where work on the dam has started but that the

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The Honourable Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
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"contract could still be terminated if notice is given before Tuesday 17th October. Therefore if your Government wishes to send a further mission to Ghana I should be grateful if it could come in sufficient time to permit you to inform me definitely of United States Government's position in relation to Volta River Project by Friday 13th October at the latest. With the kindest personal regards.

Kwame Nkrumah"

Please accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

W. M. Q. Halm
Ambassador

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